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PASS TO JOHN MCDONALD

WOULD APPRECIATE CONTACT JAPAN SOCIETY ACCOUNTANT TOM CONWAY, WHO NOW IN TOKYO AT I HOUSE FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS, IN ORDER DISCUSS FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS RE MUSEUM EXHIBITION EXPENSES. AS YOU MAY RECALL, SUBSEQUENT TO AGREEMENTS MADE WITH BUNKA-CHO, SHERMAN LEE'S OFFICE, AND JAPAN SOCIETY, DEPARTMENT PROVIDED SOCIETY WITH 30,000 DOLLAR GRANT TO COVER AMERICAN SHARE FOR EXHIBITION EXPENSES, WITH FULL UNDERSTANDING THAT JAPANESE SIDE WOULD ASSUME COSTS FOR INSURANCE. DAVID WHIPPLE OF LEE'S OFFICE HAS RECENTLY CONTACTED SOCIETY AND DEPARTMENT REQUESTING CLARIFICATION THIS ARRANGEMENT, FOR HE AND LEE UNDER IMPRESSION THAT AMERICAN SIDE OBLIGATED TO COVER UP TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN EXPENSES, (GRANT PLUS INSURANCE "TRADE-OFF" OF ADDITIONAL 20,000 DOLLARS). ANY LIGHT YOU CAN SHED ON THIS APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING WILL BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED. ROBINSON

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